Memories are something that everyone carries with them throughout their lives. They help form who we are. A memory is an ability to store and process information throughout the brain.(This sentence sounds awkward because “a memory” isn’t really an ability. Maybe saying “Memories store and process information throughout the brain.”) What if your ability to remember things was taken away without notice? What if you couldn’t remember what you did last week or even just an hour ago? (Good rhetorical questions, gets the reader thinking.) Imagine your life without memories, nothing would ever be the same.(I think you can eliminate this sentence because you say something similar in the next paragraph when you start with “Imagine not knowing”) Being diagnosed with Alzheimer’s means losing the ability to remember any memories. Everything that made you who you are is taken away and there is no way to stop or prevent it. A memory is an ability to store and process information throughout the brain. (You should get rid of this sentence because you repeat it at the top.)

Memories are important in everyday life; they allow you to remember important life events. (The second part of this sentence sounds kind of repetitive, maybe it’s the use of “important.” You could try a different word and see how it sounds.) They are something you can’t control.(Why can’t you control it?) You can’t control remembering the important things that impact your life. For some, memories are like movies that you can replay in your head; some good and some bad. Without them, childhood would be something that never existed, what you did yesterday wouldn't matter because you wouldn't remember. With Alzheimer's every day is a struggle, pretending to remember things, when you don't even know who you are. Imagine not knowing who you are, not knowing your own name, where you are, not being able to remember anything from the past. This is what living with Alzheimer’s is like. Remembering the past is something nobody would want taken away from them, but for some there’s no way to stop it from happening.

Memories aren’t(Aren’t is the correct verb tense but it still sounds choppy, you could re-arrange the sentence) only something remembered from the past, but it is what helps you remember faces, names, and places. Some don’t realize memories are used every second of everyday. They are what allow you to be able to speak. (How do they allow you to speak? How are they connected to motor skills?) If you didn't have memories you would not be able to remember words or phrases that you use in everyday life. Without any memories, you wouldn't be able to remember what to say or even any words that describe your feelings. Speaking is something almost everyone is accustomed to, but if you are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, you slowly forget the stored information in your brain until there isn't anything left. (Good opportunity to insert some relevant data.) You slowly lose your vocabulary and don't remember how to express yourself. Memories are stronger than you think; they have the power to recall past events of your life that you never want to forget or for some you didn't want to remember. (You keep going back between alzheimer’s and memories and it sounds fragmented. Maybe try separating each topic into its own paragraph) If there was ever a time in your life where you were embarrassed and you didn't want to remember but you couldn't help but do just that. This is an example of something you wish you could forget but it impacted your life that the brain stored it into a memory. (Good, attempting to insert examples.)

Alzheimer’s is the definition of the loss of memories. Many don’t think about what their life would be like without memories; what would life be like if everything you ever remembered was taken away and you could never get it back. Some take memories for granted. Memories need to be cherished because without out them, life would be a different story with a different ending.

Rylee, you have done a lot of great work in organizing your paragraphs and ideas. I noted some instances where you set the reader up to insert data or examples. By adding this information it will give your topic a lot more depth. I also think you should consider separating memories and Alzheimer’s into different paragraphs. At times the topics just jump around too much. I also added a few questions along the way that I think will help you think about your topic from a different perspective. I look forward to keep reading your work.

-Eduardo